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RID the Country of Poverty & Unemployment, commands
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Our Prime Minister.

People's Agricultural Army

(UNDER FORMATION)

will bring **Prosperity and Plenty**

if our people could only visualise the immense possibilities if a militarised force could be organized, if the young men of our country who are going from pillar to post for white collared or other jobs are engaged in trained agricultural development of fertile lands available in the States.

Young men and women! wake up,
break the fetters of slavery,
poverty and unemployment!

There is plenty of scope and work for willing minds and industrious hands.

I have had the good fortune of meeting Mr. P. M. Mani, Kaloor Road, Ernakulam, on Sunday the 25th instant. Mr. Mani is an Agriculturist, Planter and Engineer, with mature experience in both men and material. His valuable advice and contribution for the development of Agriculture will be an asset to the country in due time.

Mr. Mani writes in the (Ernakulam) Exhibition Souvenir—December 1952 under the heading of:

RIGHT FOUNDATION FOR A NEW NATION:

"... there is one emphasis. It is that no piecemeal effort can help the whole nation. All the hearts in the Nation must get together and all the hands must be at work full-time with a common purpose of the building up of the Nation. The object of the Community Project has been summarised as below:-

" 'Economic recovery through improvement of agricultural efficiency and expansion of manufacturing enterprises to be pursued alongside an educational campaign among people of all ages; provision of means of speedy communication and traffic; measures of better health, sanitation and medical; construction of more pleasing and adequate dwellings; ampler opportunities for refreshing the mind and body in recreation and play.'

"There is no doubt there is pressure on land, but the obvious challenge is to do intensive cultivation and use every inch of land and use every product, allowing no wastage of anything, which can be at all used, if there is the will. The spirit of co-operation is to take precedence over selfish competition.

"We shall give the first place to character in order to improve quality and quantity in production, as the main objective of any area or group of people."

Mr. Mani has planned 20 acres, for Kerala Sarvodaya Vidyolkarsha Sangh, Ernakulam, into beautiful colony for housing, cultivating, with a tank bund and wells sunk with provision for Post Office, Middle School and Play ground. This compact small colony will make an ideal Agricultural Training School for young men and teacher settlers.

We do not require Ford Foundations or other foreign help, if our country men will shed themselves of selfishness and come forward for constructive work from their lazy lounge; this fertile land of ours will flow with milk and honey. It is unfortunate we have to depend on foreigners for a crust of bread and employment for our children. One may be satisfied that he or she is in a good position in Government or other appointment, but what about the rest, who are the wealth of the country and whose strength is not used in the right direction but is allowed to go into deterioration?

Thank God for the practical men and women who have sacrificed their all for the betterment of their fellow men.

Let us provoke one another for good work and continue to work until the goal is reached.

Enquires to:-

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